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02.28.14 Westlake Letter to EPA Region 7.pdf

Attached is a letter that went into the mail today to Karl Brooks RE: the Westlake site.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Pat

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

February 28, 2014

Karl Brooks Region 7 Administrator Environmental Protection Agency 11201 Renner Blvd. Lenexa, KS 66219

Dear Administrator Brooks:

As you know, the radiologically impacted material at the Westlake Landfill site and the subsurface smoldering event at the Bridgeton Sanitary Landfill continue to be issues of great concern to us and our constituents in the greater St. Louis community.

We appreciate the Environmental Protection Agency's efforts in addressing the immediate concern of isolating the Westlake site from the subsurface smoldering event at the Bridgeton Landfill and your efforts to keep the community informed of your efforts. However, going forward we believe that the Agency should work with the Army Corps of Engineers and its Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP) operations in the St. Louis area.

The St. Louis Corps' handling of similar radiologically impacted material at the St. Louis Downtown Site, the St. Louis Airport Site and Vicinity Properties, Latty Avenue, and the Madison Site has been a well-documented success. Given the Corps' expertise in this area, and the local community's faith in the Corps' FUSRAP mission, we request that the EPA consider contracting directly with the Corps to handle any and all remediation needed at the site. Additionally, we believe that it would also be beneficial for the Agency to contract with the Corps to conduct the ongoing review of the Record of Decision to determine the appropriate long-term remediation.

We appreciate your consideration of our request and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Claire McCaskill

United States Senator

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